



# The Parishioner

May 2019



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# Interim Moderator

*Let me introduce myself!*

The Presbytery of Glasgow appointed me as the Interim Moderator with effect from 4th April 2019. I look forward to working with the Kirk Session and members of the congregation over the coming weeks and months as we begin the process of making all the necessary arrangements that might allow for the formation of a Nominating Committee (Vacancy Committee) whose job it will be to search for your new Minister. The Kirk Session and I have been able to arrange for the employment of a Locum Minister, in the first instance for a period of 6 months. The Locum, Rev. Morris Dutch, I understand is no stranger to St. Mary's. Morris will provide pastoral



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care 2 days per week and will occupy the Pulpit most Sundays. In the mean time, I am grateful to my colleagues locally who have provided pastoral cover until the Locum arrangements were finalised and to those who occupied the Pulpit until Morris first Sunday with you on May 5th.

I enjoyed leading Worship on Sunday 28th April 2019, and meeting some of you then. I am

available to try and answer any questions you may have.

**My contact details are as follows:**

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## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

You are warmly invited to join in the celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday 12 May at 11am. Communion will also be offered at the Wednesday Welcome on 15 May and once again an invitation is extended to all who wish to participate.

**Do this in memory of me ..... Luke 22 : 19**

*(Please note there will be no Preparatory Service or Evening Communion)*



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# Parish Register

## Funerals

*Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life ...'*

*'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'*

*Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God'.*

April 15 Mrs Jessie Smith, Craig en Goyne Nursing Home, Kilsyth.

## Ruby Anniversary

John and Sheena Nicol celebrated 40 years of marriage on 27 April.

Congratulations and very best wishes are sent to them from all the congregation at St Mary's.

## Change of Address

Mrs Sheila Meiklejohn formerly Mill Way, Kirkintilloch, now residing at 2/4 2 Cyprian Court, Lenzie.

Mrs Heather Lowther formerly Glen Sannox Drive, Craigmarloch, now residing at 40 Alnwick Drive, Westerwood, Cumbernauld.



# Church Flowers

We wish to thank the following members who will donate the flowers for the Chancel of our Church during May.

May 05 Mrs A. Scott, Mrs A Differ, Miss J. Campbell, Mrs D. Halliday  
12 Mrs M Anderson, Mrs M McCaffer, Mrs D Stewart,  
Mrs E Walker, Mrs H Farmer  
(Communion)  
19 Mrs M Girault, Mrs J Melrose, Mr G Burns, Mrs M Maule  
26 Mrs F Wishart, Mrs L Burns, Mrs H McKay  
June 02 Mr M Malcolm, Mrs M Henderson, Mrs J Reid

The following members, whom we wish to thank for their assistance, will be responsible for the distribution.

May 05 Mrs M McCaffer, Mrs M Hannah  
12) Mrs M. Stirling  
19) Mrs V. Carmichael  
26) Mrs E Donnelly  
June 02) Mrs M Gaston

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from the following people:  
Mrs M. Lawson, Kay, Rhona and Elaine, Mr R. Barr, Mrs V. Lindsay, Mrs B. Pate, Mrs I. Hay, Mr J. Macintosh, Mrs S. Tolmie, Miss M. Weir, D. & D. Halliday, Mrs J. Stirling, Rev S. McQuarrie, Mrs M. Welsh, Mrs M. Bamborough, Mr J McIsaac, Mr R Dewar, Mrs C Clingan.

**Thank you** – Thank you all for your kind wishes, cards and beautiful flowers received from the Church on the passing of my husband Eddie. All much appreciated.

Elizabeth Lipp

Once again Mrs K. Storey has gifted money for the Church flowers in memory of her Mum and sisters Ray and Nora

Thank you to all who have given donations towards the Chancel flowers for the month of April.

My thanks also to the faithful band of ladies and gentlemen who help to distribute our beautiful arrangements.

Janice Reid



# The Bells of St Mary's

## May / June 2019

May	12	Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens
	19	Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson
	26	Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens
June	02	Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens
	09	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans

## Dates for your diary . . .

## Songs of Praise

Come and sing with Songs of Praise! The longest running religious TV show in the world invites you to a special event in Glasgow.

You are warmly invited to a special Songs of Praise music recording of hymns and songs at Glasgow Cathedral this May.

All are welcome and we are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing.

Recording: Tuesday 14th May, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Where: Glasgow Cathedral Castle Street Glasgow G4 0QZ

To apply for free tickets, please send your name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested to [SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv](mailto:SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv). Please include 'Songs of Praise Glasgow' in your subject header.

Alternatively, you can call us on 0161 873 7073 to book your tickets.

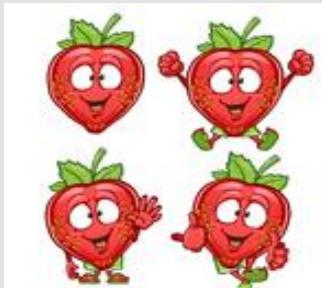
Many thanks for your support; we look forward to hearing from you.

# Christian Aid Week 12-19 May 2019

House to House Collection. If anyone can help with the annual collection in Kirkintilloch, Waterside and Lenzie please contact Paul Malcolm on 578 1520. One evening is all that is required.

The annual Christian Aid soup lunch is on 19th May, after the Sunday service. You can also make a donation. Please come along and support the poorest people on earth.

Christian Aid week is the biggest act of Christian witness in the country as churches of most denominations come together to help those who suffer from dreadful poverty. Free copies of Christian Aid magazine are available quarterly in the vestibule. Please take one and find out what Christian Aid is doing in the world today.



## Strawberry Lunch Sunday 9th June

Come and celebrate the Strawberry Season with friends from Church after the service. Both Savoury and Sweet dishes will be available. Tickets costing £1 to reserve your place (plus a donation on the day) will be available from Sunday 26th May.

# My Time at St Mary's – James Gemmell

I would like to thank the congregation of Kirkintilloch St Mary's for the last 6 months – I have found them to be informative and a time of learning. Over the course of my placement, I believe that I have been able to improve how I style my sermons, how I engage with the audience and how I overcome the challenges of working in such a large church. When I initially arrived at St Mary's, I was struck by its sheer magnitude, and the first few weeks were spent getting to know you all as a congregation as well as getting to know the impressive building and how its size impacts on how you preach. It can be very daunting entering into a new congregation and getting used to the intricacies of the Order of Service and the way things are done, but I found everyone to be welcoming and accommodating, and it was a real honour and privilege to be given the opportunity to hone my skills at St Mary's. Through my time at the Church, I have gained a number of unique experiences, and I have been able to reflect with Mark on different situations that presented themselves, many of which will help my own development as a minister.

I would like to thank the small group that was set up to support me through my 6 months – I have enjoyed getting to know Margaret, Fiona, Jen and Alasdair. I am really grateful for the discussion and pointers that you provided me with, and I believe that the help will stand me in good stead as I move into my next placement and ministry.

Further to this, I know that Mark moving away was a shock and created a sense of unrest, but I also believe that it offers you, as a congregation, the opportunity to reflect and seek God's guidance regarding what Kirkintilloch St Mary's will look like in the future. I

would encourage you to set out in faith and trust God as you move forward. While Mark leaving could potentially have had an impact on my placement, I was delighted that I was able to continue at St Mary's, and feel that both I and the congregation benefited from the continuity.

Finally, thank you for my time at St Mary's, and I hope to see some of you at my ordination in a few years.

James



## Nursery News

The nursery children enjoyed lots of holidays in April so this update is shorter than usual!

By the end of last term all our children had visited the new town hall in Kirkintilloch and some children travelled to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum to do the Dippy tour!

We said goodbye to Flo Sutherland, our catering assistant, last week. Flo is taking up a fulltime post in one of the local authority nurseries. Although we are sorry to see Flo go we wish her well in this new venture. Mrs Christine Connor will cover Flo's post until the end of term. We welcome Christine to the nursery and hope she enjoys her time with us.

We welcomed five new children to the nursery after the spring break. This now means that Mrs Jackson will increase her hours to accommodate the increase in numbers.

We plan to have an 'Adopt a Bear' stall at Kirkintilloch Gala Day. However, we need bears!!

If you have any unwanted bears please pass them in to the nursery.

Fiona Leishman, Nursery Convenor

# Ascension – (Luke 24:44–53)

Scriptures fulfilled,  
Minds opened,  
We followed him to Bethany.  
And there was joy in the blessing  
Of our risen Lord,  
Jesus, God on earth.  
Of our ascended Lord,

And in the blessing  
Was the leaving,  
And in the leaving  
Was the blessing –  
His Spirit of life and power  
To witness to the world  
Jesus, man in heaven.

## Do you know your hymns

Dentist's Hymn  
Weatherman's Hymn  
Contractor's Hymn  
Tailor's Hymn  
Golfer's Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns  
There Shall Be Showers of Blessings  
The Church's One Foundation  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
There's a Green Hill Far Away



*The procession had taken the scenic route*



*Relax! I'm not the prison chaplain - I've just been given three months for wearing a crucifix in public!*

# Spring



## MAY DAY



The celebration of May Day dates back to ancient times, the earliest festival recorded is now called Sham El-Nessim and was held in Ancient Egypt. The Romans celebrated the festival of Flora, goddess of flowers and spring, May day was considered the start of the farming season and when the Romans traditionally set aside their white togas for ones of brighter colours.

In Britain, Celtic people celebrated the festival of Beltane (which means the return of the sun) on the first of May to mark the halfway point between Spring and Summer. Fires were lit and people and animals walked or danced between the flames in a ceremony to promote purification and fertility. Many of the old customs celebrating new life and fertility survive to this day, including Morris dancing and dancing round maypoles in England. The pagan festivals lost their importance in the Middle Ages and many traditions were appropriated by Christianity. In Catholic Britain Effigies of Mary were crowned with flowers and the election of a May Queen is a modern version of this.

In Scotland the celebrations begin on April 30th when several thousand people gather on Calton Hill for the celebration of the Beltane Fire Festival. The spectacle includes dazzling fire displays, drumming, processions and plenty of body paint. The fire festival of Beltane is a revised celebration of Celtic culture the fire believed to cleanse, purify and increase fertility of all festival participants. Edinburgh's festival will involve around three hundred voluntary performers, marking the end of the Scottish winter and welcoming the summer season ahead with optimism.

In Berwick –upon–Tweed there will be riding of the bounds on May 1st. Berwick's bounds date back to 1458 when representatives from England and Scotland agreed where one country would end and the other begin. The bounds have been ridden since 1542 which was to protect the town against encroachment by the Scots. This tradition continues when horsemen ride to the Guildhall before beginning their ride.

Today May Day is celebrated in many countries as International worker's Day. It dates back to the 19th century and the growth of Trade Unions and today is often associated with protests and mass marches in many cities around the world.

**Jen Biggans**

# Treasurer's Report

## MARCH OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
03.03.19	195.00	580.50	198.20	
10.03.19	295.00	507.00	249.80	
17.03.19	539.00	555.50	367.70	
24.03.19	384.00	436.00	156.00	
31.03.19	220.50	265.00	69.50	
Standing orders				3639.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1633.50</b>	<b>2344.00</b>	<b>1041.20</b>	<b>3639.00</b>
<b>Total for the Month</b>		<b>8657.70</b>		

### RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received

#### During March

with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church

Donations to Church at The Funeral of Miss Annie Tassie	205.15
Donation to Special Projects Fund	250.00
Donation from Ladies Bowling Club	250.00
Donation to Special Projects Fund	300.00
Donations to Parishioner	30.00
Donation received from Cynthia and David Keellings	300.00
Donation from St Mary's Badminton Club	1000.00
Donation to be used towards Ministries and Mission Shortfall	500.00
Donation to be used towards Ministries and Mission Shortfall	150.00
Gift from The Estate of The Late Janice Smith to Special Projects Fund	1000.00
Gift from The Estate of The Late Janice Smith for future Kitchen Development	1000.00

# The Parishioner

Copy for the Summer issue (which includes June / July / August) should be handed to Sandra Burns, left in the Publications pigeon hole in the Hall vestibule, or sent by e-mail to [sandraburns.me@gmail.com](mailto:sandraburns.me@gmail.com) no later than Sunday 02 June.

## Visitors are welcome

St Mary's is a sit anywhere Church and visitors are always welcome. If you feel there should be more to life than retail therapy and Friday night clubbing, try coming along to the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning. You may hear something to change how you value your life and your relationships with those around you. You don't have to join up to join in.

The Church office is located on the right as you enter the Church Halls. The secretary, Mrs Margaretanne Dougall, is available in the office Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries. Margaretanne will be able to refer you to the person best suited to respond. Church office telephone 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: [office.stmarys@btconnect.com](mailto:office.stmarys@btconnect.com)

## The Parishioner Online

Missed or lost your copy of the Parishioner ... why not go to [www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk](http://www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk) and see this month's copy.

Stephen McKean, Webmaster, has built up previous issues online so you can look back on past copies. Also if you wish any news or information to be put on the website over the summer months please e-mail [webmaster@stmarykirkintilloch.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@stmarykirkintilloch.org.uk) and we will put these on the News page of the website.

# The Rectory . . .

## *My dear Nephew Darren*

So, your bishop is dropping hints that you should begin to consider a move to having your own parish – ‘not forever in green pastures’ comes to mind. Do not be too hasty to leave; remember that a curate can do no wrong, but a vicar can do no right. That means that as soon as you get your own parish, you will be held accountable not only for everything that goes on inside the church, but also for the goal average of the local football team and the state of the economy. And if it rains for your first Summer Fete, you will be told reproachfully that this never used to happen when ‘the former vicar was here’.

As you begin to ponder this momentous decision, allow me to give you a few pieces of advice. It will be assumed in the parish that every new incumbent is bound to be worse than his predecessor. The greatest compliment I ever received when leaving a parish came from an elderly parishioner: “I’ve known six Rectors of this parish; you weren’t the worst.”

Naturally the church you go to will have asked for a married man between 30 and 35 with a wife who will not have her own job but who wants to devote her entire life working for the parish – and it will be a definite advantage if she is a brilliant organist, professional caterer and fully computer literate. They will expect you to have two children, one of whom should be of primary school age, so he can attend the local Church school, where you will naturally wish to be chairman of governors and coach of the football

team.

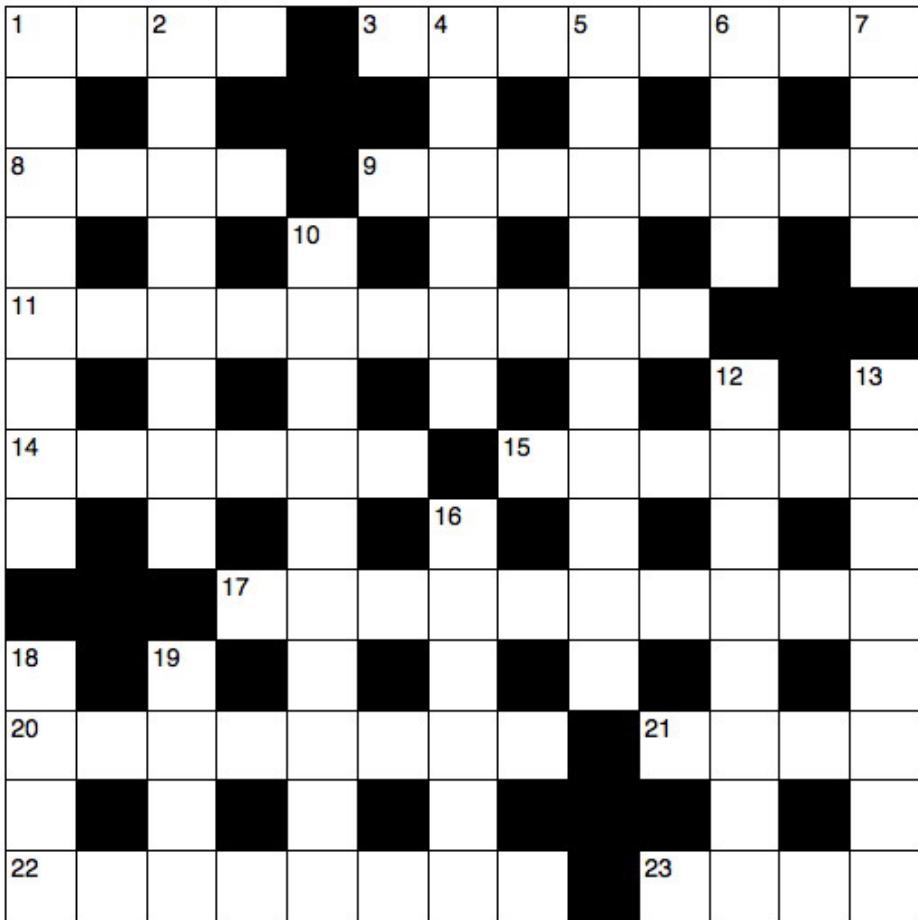
They will want you to have exceptional talents for attracting young people – but for young people who enjoy the sorts of Services that the present congregation prefer – and you should have the ability to stop a baby crying during Mattins with the briefest of glances. They will want you to bring ‘a breath of fresh air’ into parish life without changing anything. They will hope you will shun holidays, preach short sermons and be able to run a tight jumble sale.

Your CV is a little thin. If you could acquire a wife and family within the next six months, become an expert flower arranger and qualify as a football referee, chartered accountant and trained electrician and plumber, it would prove very helpful. If in addition, you learned how to service photocopiers, had a mini-bus available for church outings, were an heir to a family firm producing a single malt whisky and could provide reliable horse racing tips, your choice of parishes would be endless.

On the other hand, my advice would be to stop attending all meetings where you know the bishop may be present; out of sight, out of mind. Have your phone disconnected, your letterbox sealed and only appear in public wearing dark glasses and a false beard. Keep your head down, lay low, hold on to the charmed life of being a curate for as long as possible. Life will never be better.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

# Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?'

(Matthew 27:46) (8)  
 ii Anglican form of church government (10)  
 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31)

*Continued overleaf*

40:31) (6)

15 Ministers of religion (6)

17 Make stronger (1  
Thessalonians 3:13) (10)

20 Devoutness (1 Timothy  
2:2) (8)

21 The father of Jesse (Ruth  
4:22) (4)

22 Pool where Jesus healed  
a man who had been an  
invalid for 38 years (John  
5:2) (8)

23 ‘[Jesus] said to them, “  
— here and keep watch”’  
(Mark 14:34) (4)

## DOWN

1 Follower of Christ (Acts  
16:1) (8)

2 One of the punishments  
endured by Paul (2  
Corinthians 6:5) (8)

4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)

5 Scholarly study of melody,  
harmony and rhythm (10)

6 ‘I am God, and there is  
none — me’ (Isaiah 46:9)  
(4)

7 ‘And how can they preach  
unless they are — ?’  
(Romans 10:15) (4)

10 Favourable reception (1  
Timothy 1:15) (10)

12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)

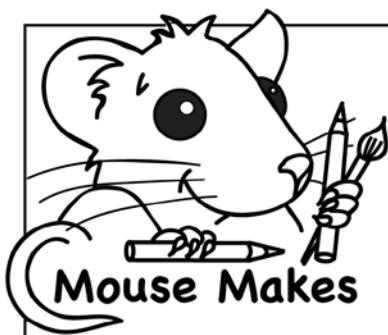
13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14)  
(5,3)

16 ‘About midnight the sailors  
— they were approaching  
land’ (Acts 27:27) (6)

18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings  
16:30–31) (4)

19 ‘According to your great  
compassion — out my  
transgressions’ (Psalm 51:1)  
(4)





You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the lions' den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing** on the wall, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.



W A L L O M I S H A E L A W  
D S T A T U E T R E E O L U  
A H A Z A R I A H W D R L P  
N P N K D R E A M G O D I R  
I E I D O L D A R I U S O A  
E N W R I T I N G K F D N Y  
L A B C Y F U R N A C E S E  
A Z M H A N A N I A H N E R  
N E B U C H A D N E Z Z E R  
G R E S C U E  
E T R U S T  
L K I N G

  
Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?  
**KING • NEBUCHADNEZZER • DANIEL • DARIUS • ASHPENAZ  
HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE  
IDOL • FURNACE • TREE • WRITING • WALL • LAW • LIONS  
DEN • PRAYER • LORD • GOD • TRUST • RESCUE • ANGEL**

# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH *Organisations*

Contact list 2017.18	Organisation	Location	Time	Contact
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11am	
	Young Church	Church Halls	11am	Elaine Stevens
	Fairtrade Stall	Main Hall	12 noon	Leslie Baird/Fiona Leishman
	Badminton - Senior	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	Liz Barrie
Monday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Cathie Devine
	Shipmates	Main Hall	6-7pm	Nichola Colquhoun
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Selbie
	Badminton - Senior	Main Hall	8-10.30pm	Liz Barrie
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7-7.30pm	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Moira MacNeill
Wednesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10-11.20am	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Service	Church	11.30-12noon	
	Over 50's Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Allan
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30-7.30pm	Janet Millin
	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30-7.45pm	Cara Daniels
	Vestry	Church Vestry	7-9pm	Church Office
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
	Guides	Main Hall	7.30-9.30pm	Cara Daniels
	Trefoil Guild (monthly)	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Edith Dunn
Thursday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Elizabeth Walker
Friday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Listener's Circle (Monthly)	Session House (church)	2-4pm	Edith Dunn
	Friday Fellowship (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Moira MacNeill

**For further information on any of the above –**

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